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Main Entry: **ad·ja·cent**

Pronunciation: &- 'jA-s&nt

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French or Latin; Middle French, from Latin *adjacent-*, *adjacens*, present participle of *adjacere* to lie near, from *ad-* + *jacere* to lie; akin to Latin *jacere* to throw -- more at [JET](#)

1 a : not distant : **NEARBY** <the city and *adjacent* suburbs>

b : having a common endpoint or border <*adjacent* lots>
<*adjacent* sides of a triangle> **c** : immediately preceding or following

2 of two angles : having the vertex and one side in common
- **ad·ja·cent·ly** *adverb*

synonyms [ADJACENT](#), [ADJOINING](#), [CONTIGUOUS](#), [JUXTAPOSED](#) mean being in close proximity. [ADJACENT](#) may or may not imply contact but always implies absence of anything of the same kind in between <a house with an *adjacent* garage>. [ADJOINING](#) definitely implies meeting and touching at some point or line <had *adjoining* rooms at the hotel>. [CONTIGUOUS](#) implies having contact on all or most of one side <offices in all 48 *contiguous* states>.

[JUXTAPOSED](#) means placed side by side especially so as to permit comparison and contrast <a skyscraper *juxtaposed* to a church>.

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